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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON  
EUGENE DIVISION

**PRESTON BERMAN,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD;**  
**ALISON BORT**, in her official capacity as  
Executive Director of the Oregon Psychiatric  
Security Review Board,

Defendants.

Case No: 6:24-cv-01127-MTK

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF  
ORDER DENYING CM/ECF  
REGISTRATION (ECF NO. 22)

**LR 7-1(a)(1)(A) CERTIFICATE OF CONFERRAL**

Plaintiff Preston Berman, appearing pro se, certifies that they made a good faith attempt to confer with Defendant's counsel, Jill Schneider (#001619) and James M. Aaron (#132865), regarding this motion. Plaintiff contacted Defendant's office at (971) 673-1880 and spoke with Lana, the switchboard operator, who was unable to reach either counsel. Due to the time-sensitive nature

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of this motion, Plaintiff submits it for the Court's consideration and will promptly serve a copy upon counsel via email.

Plaintiff Preston Berman respectfully moves for reconsideration of the Court's Order dated August 16, 2024 (ECF No. 22), which denied Plaintiff's application to register for CM/ECF as a self-represented party. Plaintiff submits that changed circumstances and case developments now support granting CM/ECF access.

### **I. CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES**

At the time of Plaintiff's original request (ECF No. 21, filed August 12, 2024), this matter had only just been initiated. Since then, the litigation has advanced substantially. The case has survived a motion to dismiss (ECF No. 37), Defendants have filed an Answer (ECF No. 43), and the parties are now in active litigation with discovery underway and dispositive briefing scheduled.

Plaintiff currently resides at Oregon State Hospital (OSH) pursuant to a civil commitment order. While Plaintiff is confined, OSH is a treatment facility, not a correctional institution. Plaintiff remains legally competent and has access to a Windows-based computer terminal. Since the initiation of this case, Plaintiff has successfully accessed and used PACER to manage filings and monitor case developments.

### **II. CLARIFICATION OF LEGAL NEED AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY**

Given the complexity and volume of materials in this matter, particularly the sealed exhibits and protective order filings, access to CM/ECF is necessary for efficient and timely litigation.

Plaintiff anticipates the need to respond to time-sensitive Rule 56 supplemental briefing (ECF No. 66). Because Plaintiff must transmit filings by U.S. mail, significant days are lost in transit. Access to CM/ECF would restore equal time to prepare and respond in a case already subject to strict scheduling orders.

Plaintiff is capable of adhering to the technical and procedural requirements of CM/ECF, including PDF formatting and certificate of service rules. Plaintiff's existing filings—consistently typed, paginated, and properly captioned—reflect this ability.

### **III. SUPPLEMENTAL ADA CONSIDERATION**

Although Plaintiff does not raise an ADA violation as a primary basis, it bears noting that Plaintiff's status at OSH—civilly committed, not criminally incarcerated—should not be equated with a prisoner for purposes of CM/ECF access. The denial of electronic filing imposes a disproportionate burden in light of Plaintiff's demonstrated competence and technological access.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court reconsider its prior denial (ECF No. 22) and approve CM/ECF registration pursuant to LR 5-1(c). Doing so will ensure equal access to the Court in this complex civil matter.

DATED: May 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Preston Berman

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on May 23, 2025, I served the foregoing MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER DENYING CM/ECF REGISTRATION (ECF NO. 22) upon the parties hereto by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON**

**APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR CM/ECF AS SELF-REPRESENTED  
PARTY**

Case Name: Berman v. Psychiatric Security Review Board

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As a non-prisoner self-represented you may apply for a CM/ECF user account that will allow you to file documents electronically with the Court and to receive electronic service via e-mail of filings in your case. Applying to e-file constitutes consent to electronic service of documents. By checking the appropriate box on page 2 of this application form, you may opt out of receiving electronic service if your application is denied.

**ANY REQUEST FOR E-FILEING PRIVILEGES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COURT.** You will be notified by e-mail whether your application is granted or denied.

Upon approval of this application by the Court and activation of your PACER and CM/ECF accounts, you will be a Registered User pursuant to Local Rule 5-1(a)(2) and are required to abide by the requirements and conditions for CM/ECF and PACER as explained on the following pages. Approval to e-file or receive service electronically may be discontinued by the Court at any time.

**IMPORTANT**

**DO NOT apply if:**

- **You are in prison. E-filing for self-represented parties is available only to non-prisoners. If you become incarcerated during the pendency of your case, any approval to e-file or receive service electronically through CM/ECF will be discontinued.**
- **You are unable or unwilling to abide by any of the applicable requirements.**

Information about electronic filing is available on the Court's website at [ord.uscourts.gov](http://ord.uscourts.gov), and you may call the Clerk's Office for assistance with questions about this application (Portland: 503-326-8000; Eugene: 541-431-4100; Medford: 541-608-8777).

Clerk's Office staff are prohibited from giving any legal advice regarding your case.

**Registrant Information**

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